

Appl. No. 10/717,030
Amdt. dated July 26, 2006
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-20, 26-30, 32-33, and 35 are resubmitted. Claim 30 is currently amended. Claims 2, 21-25, 34 and 36-55 have previously been canceled. Claims 31 is being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. No new claims have been added.

Claims 30 and 32 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Turner et al., U.S. Patent 5,651,850, ("Turner") in view of McCarville et al., U.S. Patent 5,968,445 ("McCarville"). Claims 1, 3-20, 26-29, 33, and 35 have been allowed. Claim 31 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant respectfully accepts allowance of claims 1, 3-20, 26-29, 33, and 35.

Claim 30 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 31 and claim 31 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. Claim 31 being allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, Applicants therefore respectfully submit that claim 30 and claim 32, which is dependent from claim 30, are now in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1, 3-20, 26-29, 33, and 35 and notice of allowable subject matter. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Office Action with respect to claims 30 and 32 are requested. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

In the event the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0851:

Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

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